



While this shotgun retains some of its original features, the reduction of the windows and the use of several materials diminishes its historic character.



When these modest frame shotguns were built ca. 1890 they were identical. The house on the left has been altered by the introduction of a picture window.



The residence on the right might be certifiable if the wide siding and possibly the chain-link fence were removed. The recent construction on the left does not add to the historic flavor of the neighborhood.



The application of non-historic materials, as seen on the left, is not permitted under the guidelines set out by the Department of the Interior.

PORTLAND

In the early nineteenth century, Portland rivaled Louisville as a separate, equally thriving riverport—one below the falls, the other above. The falls created a barrier to river traffic which was overcome by the construction of the Portland Canal. But this remarkable engineering feat caused the demise of Portland as a port and, in 1852, it was annexed into the Louisville city limits.

The Portland Historic District, a small portion of the neighborhood of Portland, retains a very strong sense of time and place. Large residential structures, mixed with smaller shotguns line Northwestern Parkway and Rudd Avenue. Now a sleepy residential enclave, it is not hard to imagine these extraordinarily wide streets bustling with merchants and visitors. The significance of Portland's early settlement history and its French heritage are locally unique. The wharf of Portland was severed from the neighborhood when

the floodwall was erected, but a riverfront park is currently under development in what was the wharf area to reunite Portland and the river.

Few tax incentive projects have occurred to date in Portland. This is largely attributed to its high owner/occupancy rate. The opportunities for development of an investment tax credit project would appear to exist mainly in the larger residences along Rudd and Northwestern Parkway. A commercial/residential structure located at 800 N. 34th Street on the corner of Rudd Avenue is one example of the application of the tax incentives in Portland. This typical, Italianate structure was developed into total residential use. The City of Louisville's housing rehabilitation program for owner/occupied structures as well as its assistance in the development of Cedar Grove Terrace for multi-family housing has greatly improved housing conditions in the area.

